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"He saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (JOHN 19 : 26-27).

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A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER.*

SENATOR REED SMOOT

TOGETHER with Brother John A. Widtsoe, I had the privilege of visiting Europe during the months of July and August. While thus upon a special mission, and by the assistance of Brother Widtsoe, I had the privilege of visiting the Scandinavian countries. I also took the time during my last visit to go there, primarily, I will say, to visit my mother's old home. While a young man I used to say to my mother: "Some day we will go back to the old home." I left it too late, as so many things are put off until it is too late; for my mother died when she was sixty years old. But I made up my mind that sooner or later I would go back to the old home and see some of my relatives there. I haven't the time to-day to express to you the feelings I had when I saw the spot where she was born, and when I saw the homestead as it was. When I went into the old cow-shed and opened the old door that she had opened perhaps hundreds and hundreds of times, and when I looked upon the spring, back of the house, that I had heard her speak of when I was a boy; and as I stood under the shade of that wonderful tree her mother had planted and which she used to tell me about, and as I saw conditions surrounding that homestead, I want to say to you, my brethren and sisters, I thanked God from the bottom of my heart that the Gospel of Jesus Christ reached my mother, and that she knew it is true, when she was but a girl. All opposition and all persecution on the part of her father and mother and her loved ones never had one iota of influence upon her testimony that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ.

My cousins brought to me the old family Bible, and as I lifted the lid I saw a writing, and at the bottom of the page of it the

*From a speech in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, October 6th, 1923.

name, "Anna Kirstine Mauritz-datter." I could not read the writing, but I asked Brother Widtsoe to copy it as quickly as possible, then tell me what was in it. I desired to have it translated word for word. It was a message to her parents, written on the day she left home—the day she was driven from home by a loving father and mother who thought that she would not be gone very long, but that she would soon return and ask forgiveness, and deny that she knew that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ. She was only a girl, then, but I am going to take the time now to read to this congregation, that letter, because it gives forth the spirit that makes women such as she. It is filled full of the spirit of our fathers and mothers who were willing to sacrifice all in this world for the Gospel's sake; aye, it is the spirit of a missionary, teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ! This was written in her own hand-writing, and it was the last farewell of a girl who loved her country, who loved her father and mother, and who loved her home, but who loved the Gospel of Jesus Christ more:

"A few words from your daughter, Kirstine. Dear, my parents. Pray God for courage to accept this great truth contained in this book and now restored, so that rejected knowledge may not be a testimony against you on God's great day to come. I pray God that on that great day we may be able to gather together in joy and happiness, and that we may then be crowned to God's glory, and that He may say to us all: 'Come now, my faithful children, you shall be rewarded for your labors.' This matter and my desire that you may know the truth and accept it have made me shed in secret many burning tears, and they have been increased when I have thought of the ungodliness of mankind. The years are speeding on, the day is approaching when all must listen to the Shepherd and render obedience to His will, or receive punishment. The great King is coming to reign and to rule. Sin and evil will be banished. May God grant that you may be among the worthy ones. My heart grows tender when I think of these things. God give that all mankind may repent. I shall pray my heavenly Father that all who read these lines may comprehend the true purpose of His holy book, and may lay down the burden of sin. That which I have written is for all who may read these lines. I pray God to lead you into eternal life.

"*Kirstine Mauritz-datter*, Drammen, Sept. 1, 1854.'

I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am not ashamed of the testimony of the mother who gave me birth. I care not where I go upon the face of the earth, whether it be with kings, potentates, or any class of people in the world, I want them all to know that I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and I pray God that I may have strength to do those things that He wants me to do, to say those things that He wants me to say, to live in a way that He wants me to live, and bear a testimony of His truth and of His work, that will be worthy of a man who comes from a mother such as I had.

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE Ninety-fourth annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday, April 4th, at 10 a.m. The big auditorium was filled to capacity when President Heber J. Grant called the conference to order. The usual seating arrangements were observed, sections being reserved for the various organizations of the Priesthood, for general officers of the auxiliary organizations and for mission presidents.

The opening song was, "We Thank Thee, O God, For A Prophet." The invocation was offered by President Thomas N. Taylor of Utah stake. The second song was, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." The singing was congregational with Prof. A. C. Lund conducting and Organist Edward P. Kimball at the organ console.

President Grant said it was an inspiring sight to see the Tabernacle filled, and many standing, for the opening session of conference. He rejoices in the blessings of the Lord, he said. Never has the Church been in a more prosperous condition. Unity prevails among the presiding authorities. Faithful men are presiding over the stakes and the wards throughout the Church, and over the quorums of the Priesthood, as also are faithful men and women presiding over the various auxiliary organizations.

President Grant referred to the work of the Relief Society and other auxiliary organizations and to the missionary work of the Church, all of which, he said, are in excellent condition. The call comes from all the missions for more missionaries.

He read a financial and statistical report, as follows:

Financial statement—Following are the expenditures from the tithes of the Church for the year 1923:

Stake and Ward Purposes: There has been returned from the tithes to the Stakes and the wards for their maintenance and operation, $993,707.67.

Education: Expended for the maintenance and operation of Church schools, $835,056.87.

Temples: Expended for the construction, maintenance and operation of temples, $449,661.61.

Hospitals: Expended for hospital construction, $146,000.00.

Charities: For the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment, $171,465.10.

Missions: For the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions, $586,315.97.

Total for all purposes $3,182,207.22, which has been taken from the tithes and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for charities and for mission activities.

Other charities: In addition to charities paid out of the tithes, as above stated, there have also been disbursed the fast offerings and Relief Society and other charities amounting to $471,595.37, which, added to the $171,465.10, paid from the tithes, makes a total of Church charities of $643,060.47.

Statistical statement—Statistical and other reports compiled from the Church records of the year 1923:

Church growth: Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and the missions, 19,199.

Children baptized in the stakes and the missions, 13,020.

Converts baptized and entered on the records of the stakes and the missions, 7,492.

The organized stakes of Zion number, 90.

Number of wards and independent branches, 972.

Missions, 24.

Branches in missions, 635.

Social statistics—Birth rate, per thousand, 35.

Death rate, per thousand, 7.2.

Marriage rate, per thousand, 14.

Number of persons in the Church that are married, 157,990.

Number of persons divorced in the year 1923, 241.

Families owning their own homes, 75 per cent.

Temple statistics	1918.	1923.
Baptisms	175,525	393,078.
Ordinances	154,004	442,975.
Total ordinances	329,529	836,053.

Mission Statistics—On foreign missions from stakes of Zion, 1,798.

Local Elders laboring in foreign missions, 83.

Special missionaries laboring in stakes of Zion, 2,137. Total 4,018.

President Grant referred to the appearance of Elijah to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland temple, and read from the Doctrine and Covenants the Prophet's account of the vision and the appearance of the Savior in the Kirtland temple; also of the appearance of Moses and the restoration of the keys of the gathering of Israel, and of the appearance of Elias, with the keys of the Gospel of Abraham.

Of the appearance of Elijah who committed the keys of salvation for the dead, President Grant commented at length. He said, also, that the appearance of the Savior is a new witness to the world. Others may doubt the divinity of the Savior, but not so the Latter-day Saints; they know He lives, that He is the Redeemer of the world.

In reference to the mission of Elijah, President Grant said that Latter-day Saints should heed the word of the Lord in regard to genealogy and temple work. He rejoices, he said, that genealogical work is growing and that the Saints are filling the temples for the purpose of saving their dead; he admonished the Saints to be even more diligent in this line.

President Grant concluded by admonishing the Saints to live the principles of the Gospel, to be able by their lives as well as by precept to cry repentance unto the world. He urged the necessity of family and secret prayer in the homes of the Saints, that parents teach their children faith in God, the Eternal Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

Live and teach the first principles of the Gospel, he said. Leave the mysteries of heaven until they become realities, "until you get there," he said. He prayed the blessings of the Lord upon the Saints, upon the work of the Lord and upon all mankind.

President Charles W. Penrose, the second speaker, said he rejoices in the blessings of the Lord. He enjoyed the address of President Grant, he said, and he admonished the Saints to give heed to what had been said.

President Penrose emphasized the need of preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and urged the Saints to serve the Lord with all their might, mind and strength. The blessings promised the Lord's people, he said, are predicated upon obedience to commandment. It is the duty of parents to teach the commandments of God to their children. God promises but He also revokes, and He will revoke His promises unless His people fulfill their part.

He spoke of the blessings promised to this generation. What does "generation" mean? he asked. It does not mean a definite period of time, he said. Some have advocated that it means one hundred years—not so; a generation means no particular period of time; one generation may be longer than another.

He spoke of the commandment of the Lord to build a temple on the site designated at Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. That, he said, is a commandment, but the Lord does not require His people to fulfill a commandment when it becomes impossible by reason of the opposition of the evil one; He will visit His wrath upon those who make it impossible for His people to fulfill a commandment, but He does not hold His people responsible. So, he said, be not deceived as to the exact date or time that that commandment shall be fulfilled; no date or time is set nor has been, and any attempt to do so amounts to naught. And it is so with the coming of the Savior—no man knoweth the time.

President Penrose spoke of an article he wrote in the *Millennial Star* of 1859, in which he said he had been blessed by the Spirit of the Lord to see what would come to His people and to this generation. He had recently read it, he said, and he rejoices to know that he had been thus blessed, and he rejoices now that he has been faithful to the best of his ability throughout the years. He praised God for His blessings to His people; the work is onward and upward, the work of the Lord is here to stay and the Lord will continue to inspire His servants as He raises them

up. He invoked God's Spirit on those holding the Holy Priesthood, and upon all the Saints.

Bishop John Wells was the next speaker. He thanks the Lord, he said, for his many blessings, and he desires to continue faithful in the work. Bishop Wells admonished the Saints to obey the law of tithing. Not only should parents pay tithing, but they should teach the principle to their children and see to it that each child who earns any money whatsoever pays tithing, and participates with his parents in the tithing settlement. He rejoices that the number of tithepayers has increased, as well as the amount, he declared. He admonished the Saints to heed the word of the Lord.

Elder Charles A. Callis, President of the Southern States mission, the next speaker, said he thought as he listened to the addresses of President Grant and President Penrose: "I want to go with these men because God is with them." There is, he said, no false note in their testimony, no doubt of the existence and divinity of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world. In the world to-day there is doubt, uncertainty; the world is ripe in iniquity and God has commanded His people to cry repentance. He is happy, he said, that the leaders of the Church are teaching the people the truths of the Gospel and not mysteries. He counselled the Saints to give heed to the words of the servants of the Lord.

The next speaker was Bishop David A. Smith. He said he is thankful for a revelation given to his grandfather, Hyrum Smith, through the Prophet Joseph Smith. As he reads it, he said, he finds much for the edification of the people of the Lord.

He said he realizes that it is essential to serve the Lord in order to have and to hold His Spirit. He referred to his special calling in the Aaronic Priesthood and spoke of the necessity of teaching the boys in the Church the truths of the Gospel. Fix the boy's feet securely upon the foundation of the Gospel, save the boy and the Church is safe, he said. Teach the deacon, the teacher and the priest the divinity of his calling.

Elder John M. Knight, President of the Western States mission, the concluding speaker, said he is thankful that the Latter-day Saints have not and do not follow cunningly devised fables. It has been promised that if God's people will keep His commandments, He will bless them, and God will keep His word if His people will do their part, he said. It is essential that parents teach their children the principles of the Gospel. The word of the Lord will go forth until it fills the whole earth, he declared.

The closing song was, "Do What Is Right." The benediction was by President Lars P. Oveson of Emery Stake.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

CENSUS OF RELIGIONS SHOWS GAIN.

THE census of religions in the United States for 1923, compiled by the *Christian Herald* and recently published, shows there are 45,457,366 communicants, representing a gain of 680,015 during the year as compared with a gain of 797,565 in 1922. There are 206,843 ministers—a gain of 2,733; and 237,404 houses of worship, a gain of 2,884.

The largest Christian denomination is the Roman Catholic, with communicants estimated at 15,655,260, a gain of 133,616. Jewish congregations have 357,135 members. Thirty-four Buddhist Japanese temples have 5,639 worshippers.

Fourteen bodies of Baptists raised their totals to an aggregate of 8,237,021, while fifteen bodies of Methodists have gained 8,622,836 communicants.

There are 2,465,841 Lutherans, 2,462,557 Presbyterians, 1,140,076 Episcopalians, 1,061,203 communicants of the Disciples of Christ, and 647,450 Eastern Catholics.

Among the larger of the other denominations which show gains are: Reformed, United Brethren, Latter-day Saints, Evangelical, Synod and Congregational.

THE LITTLE LAD'S ANSWER.

OUR little lad came in one day
With dusty shoes and tired feet,
His play-time had been hard and long
Out in the summer's noontide heat.
"I'm glad I'm home," he cried, and hung
His torn straw hat up in the hall,
While in the corner by the door
He put away his bat and ball.

"I wonder why," his auntie said,
"This little lad always comes here
When there are many other homes
As pleasant as this, and quite as near?"
He stood a moment deep in thought,
Then with the love-light in his eye,
He pointed where his mother sat
And said, "She lives here, that is why!"

With beaming face the mother heard;
Her mother-heart was very glad.
A true, sweet answer he had given—
That thoughtful, loving, little lad.
And well I know that hosts of lads
Are just as loving, true, and dear;
That they would answer as he did,
"'Tis home, for mother's living here."

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EDITORIAL:

MOTHER.

THE sweetness as well as the greatness of motherhood lies in the overcoming of self-love by mother for her children. By nature the true mother is self-sacrificing. She is ever giving something of her life to make another either happier or better. Dying and giving—giving and dying—the two great elements that make the truly heroic—these are the Christ-like virtues that make motherhood sublime.

The beginning of motherhood is but the entrance into the Valley of the Shadow in order to bring life to another. Herein is manifest love supreme; for "greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." That some women enter into this realm impelled by less lofty motives or uninspired by any self-sacrificing thought, there can be no doubt; but this fact can not rob the truly heroic soul of the honor due her any more than the recreant soldier forced to the conflict can deprive of undying fame the hero who gloriously offers his life for his country.

Motherhood is the one thing in all the world which most truly exemplifies the God-given virtues of creating and sacrificing. Though it carries the woman close to the brink of death, motherhood also leads her into the very realm of the fountains of life, and makes her co-partner with the Creator in bestowing upon eternal spirits mortal life. Artists may make new visions real; poets express thoughts never known before, or dress old ones in a more becoming garb; engineers may transform deserts into bounteous fields, and fill them with prosperous towns and thriving villages; scientists may discover new elements, and by various combinations thereof create means contributive either to progress or destruction—all these are in a measure revealers of unknown things; but the mother who, in compliance with eternal law, brings into the world an immortal spirit occupies first rank in the realm of creation. "A mother is as different from anything God ever thought of, as can possibly be. She is a distinct and individual creation."

Motherhood is just another name for sacrifice. From the moment the wee, helpless babe is laid on the pillow beside her, mother daily, hourly, gives of her life to her loved one. It has been aptly said that babes draw strength at first from her bosom, but always from her heart. All through the years of babyhood,

childhood, and youth, aye, even after her girls themselves become mothers and her sons, fathers, she tenderly, lovingly sacrifices for them her time, her comfort, her pleasures, her needed rest and recreation, and if necessary, health and life itself! "No language can express the power and beauty and heroism of a mother's love."

For all this consecrated devotion, she asks nothing in return. If her love is reciprocated, she is content; but if not, and her wayward child with poisoned feelings turn heedlessly from her, she still loves on, giving in yearning and solicitude far more than the recreant deserves. No, she asks nothing in return; nothing for the roses she has transplanted from her own cheeks to those of her darling; nothing for the hours of vigilance during days and nights of sickness; nothing for the thousand self-denials and sacrifices that had to be made that the children in their "teens" might receive proper schooling and "appear well" with their comrades; nothing for the heartaches caused by thoughtless word or act of wayward youth.

No, for all this and a thousand other things incident to motherhood, mother asks nothing; but she *deserves* much. For kindness she deserves kindness; for tenderness, she should be given tenderness; for self-sacrifice, a little self-denial on the part of the children; for love, she should in return have love.

In the most agonizing moment of His life, Christ thought of His mother. In this as in all other things, the Savior of men has given us an example. As mother gave us our life "at the peril of her own," so we should be pleased, no matter what our desires, our condition or our pains to give such of our time, our thought, our words, our means, as may be necessary to mother's contentment and peace.

To each Elder in the mission, we would say: you need no suggestions on how to make your mother happy on Mother's Day as on every day in the year. If you order a white carnation to be given her, she will be pleased; if you tell her in a letter of your appreciation and love, she will shed tears of happiness; but if you keep the spotless character and purity of soul she has given you, and give her assurance thereof, she will thank God for her son and rejoice as the most blessed of mothers.

Sons, don't forget your mothers!

"Would, mother, thou couldst hear me tell
How oft, amid my brief career,
For sins and follies lov'd too well,
Hath fallen the free, repentant tear.
And, in the waywardness of youth,
How better thoughts have given to me
Contempt for error, love for truth
'Mid sweet remembrances of thee."

DAVID O. MCKAY.

NO-TOBACCO CAMPAIGN IN ARMENIA.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY is in receipt of a letter from President J. Wilford Booth of the Armenian mission, outlining a plan proposed by President Booth which will not only release thousands of Armenians from the thralldom of the deadly nicotine, but at the same time will provide funds for at least one of the not-too prosperous Armenian Refugee Schools. The campaign which is now well under way bids fair to establish an epoch in the history of the no-tobacco movement. One thousand persons —part of a people ruled and ruined by the invidious Turkish cigarette—suddenly leave off the habit of smoking! Extracts from President Booth's letter follow:

"Last Wednesday evening, Sister Booth and I attended a program given by the Armenian Refugee School—the school founded only three or four years ago for the benefit of the poor children among the exiles of a people much like our "Mormon" communities of early days—homeless and driven from pillar to post. The school consists of more than thirty teachers and about one thousand four hundred pupils, including some of our Latter-day Saint children, and is financed by a board of directors who are making heroic efforts to secure the necessary funds. At present their deficit is about £400. The concert we attended was arranged to help clear off the indebtedness.

"The master of ceremonies was in a happy mood and made it plain that they wanted money from the pockets of the people. Sweetmeats were exchanged for their weight in silver; encores were made the means of collecting additional money. Everyone understood it is for a good cause, and the poor people paid in willingly for the school.

"By ten o'clock the room was full of fun and people, and—smoke—stifling stenches of cigarettes. I asked that a window be opened, and that relieved us some. The chairman of the board of directors sat next to me, smoking a cigarette every few minutes. Soon I said to him, 'May I propose a plan whereby you can raise £1000 in the next year for your school?'

"He was astonished, and of course listened willingly. Said I, 'We have just listened to a fine talk on "True Men" by your orator, Mr. Touzarian. Now, are you true to yourselves and to your school? Let me test you: Call on this audience to throw away their cigarettes, you do the same, and give the next year's tobacco money to your school. Secure one thousand Armenians to pledge their word on such a scheme and I will present the case to my friends in America and try to get an additional sum to help you out.'

"The chairman consulted with other members of the board and they decided to try it. The plan was accepted with loud applause. Every few moments a new paper was handed in announcing the

pledge of little groups here and there. The chairman, Mr. Louis Hekimian, one of the most capable and influential Armenians in all Syria, threw his package of cigarettes away before the audience and shouted, 'I have quit!' All the male teachers of the school—about twenty of them—sent in their proclamation of acceptance.

"The concert lasted over three hours after that—until after one o'clock, but during all that time, there was only one man in all that big audience who lit another cigarette.

"The press and the pulpit are being asked to join in the movement, and it looks like they will get a thousand subscribers within a few days."

MINUTES OF THE WELSH CONFERENCE.

The annual Welsh conference convened in Cardiff, Sunday, April 20th. There were in attendance: Elders G. Martin Hopfenbeck and William A. Monson from Liverpool, President John W. Crofts and all the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference and many Saints and investigators. Elder Hopfenbeck presided over and President Crofts conducted the various sessions.

The Sunday-school session commenced at 10:30 a.m. President Crofts spoke a few words of welcome. The opening song was, "Hail to the Brightness." Prayer was offered by Brother Ernest Morgan. The sacramental song was, "How Great the Wisdom and the Love." The sacrament was administered by Brothers Richard C. Thomas and William I. Griffiths.

A program was rendered by the pupils of the Sunday-schools of the conference. Gwylim Rogers gave a recitation. Wilford Biggs and Harold Thomas gave a dialogue. Brother William I. Griffiths gave an essay on "The Vision." Phyllis Rogers recited the seventh chapter of Revelations. Alice and Mable Forward rendered a duet. Gladys Howells recited, "I'll take what father takes." The Abercarn chorus sang, "O, I Had Such a Pretty Dream Mamma." A sketch was given by Lily Bendall, Doris Biggs, Lucy Biggs, Alice Forward, Mable Forward, Thomas Bendall and Thomas Biggs.

Elder William A. Monson, the first speaker, directed his remarks to the children. He asked a few questions about Easter Sunday, and then told the story of Christ, showing the great love which He had for little children and the sacrifice He made that all mankind might be saved.

Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck also directed his remarks to the children. He spoke of how Christ appeared to His children on the western hemisphere, as well as to those at Jerusalem. He asked what children do at times which lead them away from Christ. The children pointed out the acts of disobedience, stealing, bearing false witness, drinking and smoking. Elder

Hopfenbeck then asked what attributes lead little children to Christ. The children gave answers, honesty, love, kindness, virtue and obedience.

The session closed by the congregation's singing, "Do What is Right." Brother Joseph Rogers spoke the closing prayer.

The afternoon session commenced at 2:30. The first song was, "Come, Come Ye Saints." Invocation was offered by Brother William Griffiths. The meeting continued by the congregation's singing, "How Firm a Foundation."

The general, the mission and the conference authorities were unanimously sustained.

Brother Henry E. Niel of the Bristol branch, the first speaker, told of the blessings derived from being associated with the true Church of Christ.

Brother William Griffiths spoke of the persecutions that are being heaped upon the Saints. He told of the blessings the Saints receive from following the principles of the Gospel.

Brother Richard C. Thomas spoke on the need of seeking after truth.

Brother Ernest Morgan gave instances to show that the blessings and the power of God attend His servants.

Brother Edward Jones spoke of the organization of the Church.

Elder Jesse N. Decker, speaking of revelations, said that it was prophesied by prophets of old that God would reveal Himself in the latter days. Those prophecies are being fulfilled, he said.

Elder William A. Monson, the concluding speaker, read prophecies to show that the second coming of Christ was known to prophets of old. He said that the world does not yet realize the true significance of the mission of Christ, but that as time goes on the message that Christ gave to the world will be understood and accepted as the saving power of mankind. Elder Monson said that obedience to Christ's teachings is essential.

The closing song was, "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet." Brother William I. Griffiths pronounced the benediction.

Immediately following the afternoon session, an officers and teachers meeting was held. The purpose and function of societies for distributing tracts was outlined. Several of the branch officers were called upon to express themselves with regard to the formation of tracting societies. The officers of the different auxiliary organizations were asked to adhere to the regular courses of study. Elder Hopfenbeck spoke of the aim of the British mission for the year, and encouraged the officers to work for that goal.

The final session convened at 6:30 p.m., by the congregation's singing, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Prayer was offered by Brother Richard C. Thomas. The second song was, "O, Say What Is Truth?"

Elder Ralph C. Jones, the first speaker, showed the purpose of

the first four principles of the Gospel and the need of obedience to them.

Elder Merlin S. Ellis spoke of how the people had fallen away from the law of Moses at the time of Christ. He showed how the people to-day have likewise fallen away from the teachings of Christ. He said the Gospel is the only means of gaining true salvation.

Elder Joseph M. Skeen stated that divine authority is necessary before any man can preach and perform the ordinances of the Gospel. He spoke of how Paul received his authority before he endeavored to preach the Gospel. So did the Prophet Joseph Smith wait for authority before preaching, he said.

Elder Rulon W. Openshaw traced the gradual falling away from the true Gospel of Jesus Christ after the death of the apostles. He showed how the people were groping in darkness as a result of the apostasy.

Elders Skeen, Ellis and Decker sang a trio, "School Thy Feelings."

President John W. Crofts said the revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith when compared with the scientific discoveries of the present day, give ample evidence of the divinity of the Doctrine and Covenants. The speaker also showed the great responsibility resting upon those who have the Gospel of Christ.

Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck, the concluding speaker, pictured the life and mission of Jesus Christ. He showed how Christ was betrayed by one of His disciples and then illegally taken and condemned by the Jewish high priests. The burden that Christ bore was the sins of all mankind, said the speaker. Christ voluntarily assumed this burden and gave His life that all mankind might be saved by obedience to the principles of the Gospel.

The conference closed by the congregation's singing, "An Angel From On High." Elder Rulon W. Openshaw pronounced the benediction.

RALPH C. JONES, Conference Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Branch Reorganization—Sunday, the 13th ult., the Halifax branch (Leeds conference) was reorganized. Elder Frederick G. Stoddard was appointed branch president with Brothers Percy Palfreyman and James Doyle as counselors.

Transfers of Traveling Elders.—The following transfers of traveling Elders have been made:

George Albert Baker, Leeds conference to the Ulster conference.

Wallace P. Galbraith, Newcastle conference to the London conference.

Percy Hawkes, Liverpool conference to the Nottingham conference.

Branch Conference.—The Halifax branch (Leeds conference) held its annual conference, the 13th ult. There were in attendance, Elder Rulon H. Sanders of Liverpool, President David D. Lamph and Elders Frederick G. Stoddard and Parley A. Peterson. In the first session, a select program was furnished by members of the Sunday-school. Elder Sanders and President Lamph were the speakers. The speakers in the afternoon session were Elders Peterson, Stoddard and Sanders; in the evening session President Lamph and Elder Sanders spoke. All the sessions were well attended.

Arrivals and Appointments.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool, Saturday, the 3rd inst., per s.s. *Montclare*, and have been assigned as follows:

For the British mission—

Milford E. Williams, Ogden, Utah, to the Scottish conference.

Rulon L. Russon, Lehi, Utah, to the Norwich conference.

Rollo E. Watkins, Ogden, Utah, to the Sheffield conference.

J. Howard Cook, Layton, Utah, to the Liverpool conference.

Lavon E. Darley, Wellsville, Utah, to the Sheffield conference.

Boyd H. Ririe, Lewiston, Utah, to the Birmingham conference.

Peter J. Clarke, American Fork, Utah, to the Bristol conference.

For the Netherlands mission—

Adrian Stam, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—A special Priesthood meeting of the Elders of the Manchester conference was held in Manchester on the 12th ult., under the direction of President C. C. Heaton. President William Blackburn gave a short talk on authority. He encouraged the Elders to obey the authority which is placed over them. President Heaton reported on the meeting of conference presidents which was held at London.

Wednesday, the 16th ult., a special meeting of the Elders of the Sheffield conference was held at Sheffield, under the direction of President Fielding K. Smith. Brief reports were given by the Elders in which they expressed their feelings, both spiritually and temporally. In contrasting the conditions in the various branches, President Smith said that the success or the failure of any organization reflects back upon the leaders of the same. Several regulations were instituted the observance of which will greatly increase the efficiency of the labors in the conference. The Elders were counselled to keep their spirits undefiled, their bodies clean and their clothing neat.

The 19th ult., the Elders of the Leeds conference met at Bradford in Priesthood meeting. President David D. Lamph reported on the special meeting of conference presidents, held in London, April 5th.

A special meeting of the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference convened the 19th ult., at Cardiff, under the direction of Elders G. Martin Hopfenbeck and William A. Monson. All the Elders were called upon to give expression on (1) the most pressing need of the Welsh conference and (2) the outstanding gem in the Gospel. President John W. Crofts reported a marked improvement in the condition of the conference in the preceding six months. Elder Monson spoke of the manner in which missionaries should conduct themselves; he pointed out that they are being watched at all times. Elder Hopfenbeck spoke on the subject headings, "Why we are here," "Loyalty" and "Guides for missionaries in their labors."

Socials.—The Relief Society of the Gateshead branch (Newcastle conference) held a social March 26th. A delicious tea was served and a good program was rendered. Seventy-five people were in attendance, among whom were President William M. Harris and Elders Don Clyde, James L. Wheat, Fred D. Maughan, Wallace P. Galbraith, W. Scott Day and Reed Moss.

A farewell social was held at Lowestoft (Norwich conference) the 1st ult., in honor of President Peter Tolboe who has been honorably released to return home. An enjoyable program was rendered and refreshments were served. President Tolboe was presented with a silver-mounted oak biscuit barrell as a token of remembrance from the Lowestoft branch. Many Saints and friends were in attendance.

Friday evening, the 4th ult., an entertainment was held at Belfast (Ulster conference) in honor of Elder Ianthus L. Richards who has been transferred to Nottingham. After a short program, refreshments were served and games were played.

Saturday, the 12th ult., a social was held by the Ipswich branch (Norwich conference). An interesting program was rendered, games were played, and refreshments were served.

A farewell social was held in honor of Elder Edwin O. Stenquist by the North London branch the 15th ult. The guest of honor was presented with a book as a remembrance from the members of the branch. Elder Stenquist was president of the branch Mutual Improvement Association.

The Nottingham branch held a farewell social the 15th ult., in honor of Sister Lucy Winter and Mrs. Cubberly who are emigrating to Canada. A delightful program was rendered; each of the departing persons was presented with a hand mirror. There were in attendance, a large number of Saints and investigators and Elders Sidney Nebeker, Albert F. Kendell and Rudger Atkin,

President Selvoy J. Boyer and President and Sister Joseph E. Wright of London.

The Leicester branch (Nottingham conference) held a farewell social the 16th ult., in honor of Elder Ernest H. Capel, who has been transferred to London. A good program was rendered. There were many Saints and investigators in attendance, as well as Elders Ernest H. Capel, Kenneth F. Schade, Carl E. Pettersson, Sidney J. Nebeker, Albert F. Kendell, Ianthus L. Richards and Rudger C. Atkin.

A farewell social was held in Manchester the 16th ult., in honor of President William Blackburn who has been honorably released to return home. A pleasing program was rendered. President Blackburn was presented with a set of cutlery as a token of remembrance.

A picnic was held at Higham Park by the North London branch, the 21st ult. The day was enjoyably spent in games. Lunch was served. There were in attendance, a large number of Saints and friends, President and Sister Katherine G. Wright and Elders Karl P. Weiler, William M. Oswald, Frederick B. Alleman and A. Lewis Elggren.

DEATH.

WILSON.—Sister Margaret Campbell Wilson died at Dundee, Scotland, April 3, 1924. Deceased was born May 25, 1860, and was baptized in March 1876, by Elder Hamilton G. Park. Funeral services were held under the direction of President Robert Lee Kenner, with Elder George S. Taylor conducting.

BIGGS.—The sudden and unexpected death of Sister Mary Ann Biggs of the Varteg branch (Welsh conference) occurred April 22nd. Deceased was born at Varteg, January 9th, 1885, and was baptized and confirmed June 3rd, 1916, by Elder Peter E. Johnson. Funeral services were conducted by President John W. Crofts in the Varteg Wesleyan Chapel, April 28th. The grave was dedicated by President Crofts.

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